

insulated from the other people that are entering the business. They are going to be knocking on our door. We better get ready. We better get things set up so that the horse people can do the things that are necessary in Nebraska to make money and make the thing go. Therefore, I urge you, I urge you and implore you to vote to return this bill for the specific amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Conway, please.

SENATOR CONWAY: Question.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. You are voting on ceasing debate. Record, Mr. Clerk,.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 7 nays to cease debate.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp, would you like to close, please.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, Mr. President and members, there is something occurring here on this particular amendment that I think is important we distinguish because it is going to impact us a lot in the future. There are payors, in other words, the ones that pay taxes, and there are payees, the ones that primarily benefit from the taxes, whether it be our schools, our hospital system, our state government, our state patrol, the payors and the payees. At the present time, the single biggest payor, in other words, the single biggest payer of taxes in the state, incredible as it sounds, is the horse racing industry and specifically Ak-Sar-Ben. Now, yes, I have stood up here as much as anybody and made our kind of jokes about Ak-Sar-Ben and the pink pantaloons parade, and all that. In fact, I am reminded of...I am reminded of one of Terry Carpenter's old jokes about Ak-Sar-Ben. He used to stand up here when he was ranting and raving and trying to get at Ak-Sar-Ben. He would say, you know, he says, they have these king and queen ceremonies there. He says...he says, you know, we all know it is make-believe and pretend, but they don't. They really believe they are. Well, yes, we can all talk about Ak-Sar-Ben because it is the biggest kid on the block. Now I am not looking at it from Ak-Sar-Ben or Columbus race track. I am looking at it from the standpoint of an